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In re application of:

Paul C. Denny et al.

Serial No: 09/929,293

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For: SALIVA-BASED METHODS FOR

PREVENTING AND ASSESSING THE

RISK OF DISEASES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Species Election Requirement dated May 5, 2003, applicants hereby elect with traverse species of claim 3 for group A, species of claim 6 for group B, species of claim 7 for group C, and species V (claims 23, 30, and 31) of group D for prosecution on the merits in the subject application. Claims 1 and 10-22 are generic and read on the selected species. Therefore, upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species, which include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim.

The Examiner has required an election of one claim from Groups A-C and one claim combination (I-V) group D for consideration.

A. Saliva Sample – claim 2 or claim 3.

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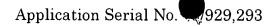
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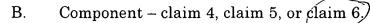
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- C. Mucin claim 7, claim 8, or claim 9.
- D. Disease Assessment:
 - I. Periodontal diseases claims 23, 24 and 26
 - II. Cardiovascular diseases claims 23 and 25
 - III. Diabetes claims 23 and 27
 - IV. Mucosal infections claims 23, (28), and 29

V. Dental caries - claims 23, 30 and 31

This species election requirement is traversed with respect to groups A-C. The generic claims 1 and 10-22 include sufficiently few species of groups A-C and a search and an examination of all species of groups A-C at one time would not impose the serious burden on the Examiner. Additionally, applicants would like to point out that the Examiner omitted claim 28 from the election requirement. Claim 28 is directed to mucosal infections and should be included in the group D(IV).

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Respectfully submitted,

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Transmitted herewith is a Response to Restriction/Species Election Requirement in the above-identified application.

Small entity status has been claimed. See 37 CFR § 1.27.

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